

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	EAS.98
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Doane, Solomon House
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	855 Nauset Rd
<b>City/Town:</b>	Eastham
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	
<b>Local No:</b>	12-209
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	c 1750
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	No style
<b>Use(s):</b>	Agricultural; Single Family Dwelling House
<b>Significance:</b>	Agriculture; Architecture
<b>Area(s):</b>	
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Roof: Cedar Shingle Wall: Wood Clapboard; Wood Shingle; Wood Foundation: Poured Concrete



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## FORM B - BUILDING

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Area(s)

Form Number

98

Town

Eastham

Neighborhood or village)

855 Nauset Road

c Name

Present Residential

Original "

Construction c. 1750

See Bibliography\*

Form Center-chimney, Full Cape Cod  
House Form

Architect/Builder

Construction Material:

Foundation

Poured Concrete

Wall/Trim

Clapboard (Facade)  
Shingles (Other elevations)

Roof

Cedar Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures  
Free-standing, shingled barn.

Major Alterations (with dates)  
See Architectural Description.

Condition

Good

Moved ☐ no ☒ yes Date 1952

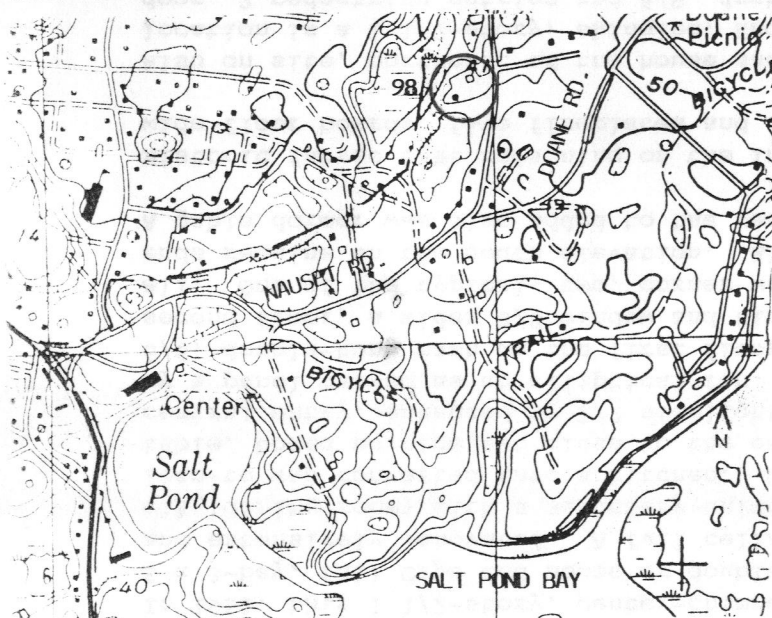
Acreage

3.93 Acres

Setting Located in a moderately-settled,  
rural area and set back from the road  
opposite the T-intersection of Old Doane  
Road and Nauset Road.



here. Indicate North.



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Organization: Commonwealth Collaborative

Date: August 1995

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## 1BUILDING FORM

855 Nauset Road

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION        See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

In 1951, this 1 1/2-story, center-chimney, ship's bow-roofed, rectangular, 5 x 3-bay, full Cape Cod house or double house was moved back from the road and extensively renovated. A full cellar and a 1-story, gable-roofed, rear ell (dining room) with a secondary chimney were added and a former lean-to was converted into a kitchen. Detail is limited to end boards, water table, boxed cornice set close to the eaves with a range of tiny dentils, a central entry, enhanced by 1/2 sidelights with paneled aprons and surmounted by a panel carved as an elliptical fan. Fenestration varies to include: 6/6, double-hung sash on the first floor, smaller 6/9 light windows on the second floor, a wider 8/8 window and tiny, 2/2, fixed sash windows on the rear ell. One of the typical, two, corner windows on the second level of the gable ends remains on the south elevation. All fenestration has plain trim. A gable dormer was also added to the rear slope of the roof in the 1950's.

Historic fabric that remaining on the interior includes hand-hewn wall boards, wide floor boards, five fireplaces and a "good morning staircase."

Also on site, northeast of the house and closer to the road in its original location is a 1 1/2-story, shingled, English barn with end boards, a sliding door, 2 pedestrian entries and 6/9, double-hung sash windows.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE   X   See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Nauset Road was a local loop off King's Highway in the north of Eastham built during the Federal Period. By the end of the 1700's, a windmill was located at the west shore of Salt Pond. That mill may be the one moved to Eastham Center. On the 1831 map of Eastham, another windmill is indicated further north on the west side of Nauset Road. These structures indicate a developed agricultural presence at the southern end of Nauset Road. By 1831, a small hamlet was in place at the junction of Nauset Road and King's Highway which included at least one commercial establishment. A school was also located in the neighborhood just south of the windmill. The windmill, which had been run by Isaiah Gill and Freeman Horton, was out of operation and dismantled by 1865.

This house was reputedly built by Solomon Doane c. 1750 and remained in the Doane Family until 1947 when it was purchased by Dr. and Mrs. Merton H. Stevens. Solomon Doane (b. Eastham, 1705; d. Eastham, 1780), the son of Samuel Doane, married Alice Higgins and settled on part of the 200-acre farm, originally owned by his great grandfather, Deacon John Doane, one of the founders of Nauset (Eastham). Local tradition holds that a portion of the house was moved from the site of the Deacon John Doane homestead.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES   X   See continuation sheet.

  X   Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;

If checked, see attached National Register Criteria Statement form.

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (continued)

Henry David Thoreau is also reputed to have stayed at the house during his travels through Cape Cod.

Successive owners were Noah Doane (b. Eastham, July 4, 1732, d. Petersham, April 1, 1820) who inherited the farm from his father, but sold it to his son, Zenas Doane (b. Eastham, January 19, 1761; d. December 20, 1825) before moving to Worcester County. Zenas Doane married Mercy Crowell (d. November 28, 1837) and their son, Noah Doane (b. Eastham, August 11, 1797; d. Eastham, September 19 1876) succeeded to the property where he lived with his wife, Caroline Crosby (1801-March 19, 1879) of Brewster. The farm was inherited by their daughter, Elizabeth (Eliza) Doane (b. November 16, 1825; d. July 10, 1911), a teacher who married Daniel Robbins of Dennis. She bequeathed the farm to her son, Cavalier Houdlette Robbins (b. Chelsea, February 25, 1861; d. Eastham, February 28, 1945).

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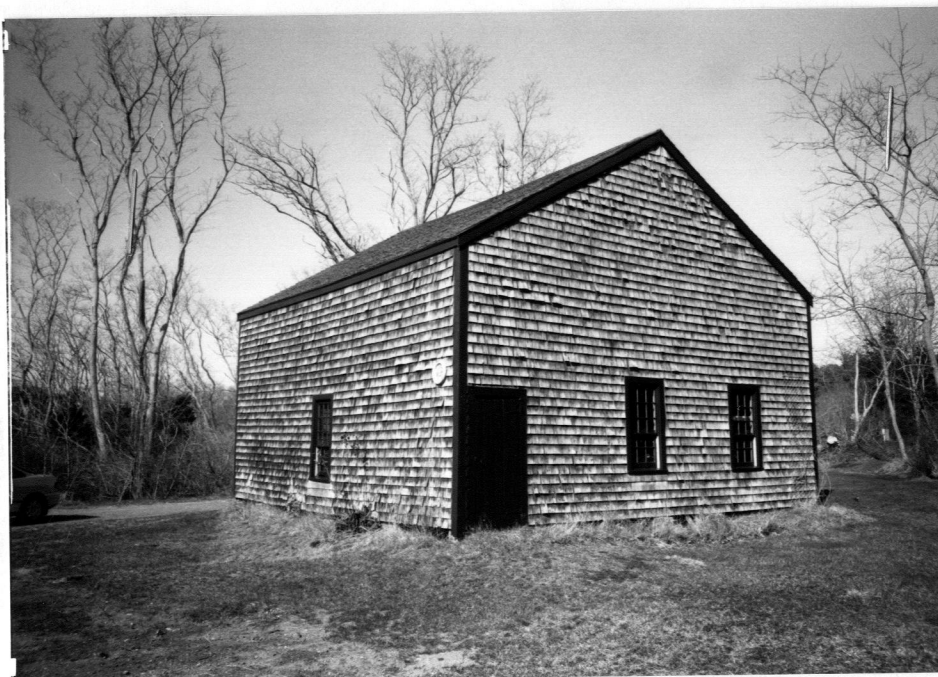
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*Barn, 855 Nauset Road (EAS.98)*



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Community: Eastham  
Property Address: 855 Nauset Road

EAS. 98

Area Form No. 98

### National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement

Check all that apply:

☒ Individually eligible ☐ Eligible only in a historic district  
☐ Contributing to a potential historic district ☐ Potential historic district

Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations: ☐ A ☒ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Statement of Significance by: Dianne L. Siergiej  
*The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.*

The property at 855 Nauset Road is significant on a local level with regard to the above-referenced criteria as one of the oldest and although moved on its lot and somewhat rehabilitated, most picturesque examples of the full Cape Cod house form (double house) in Eastham. It is also significant for its long association with the Doane family, descendants of John Doane, one of the founders of Nauset (Eastham), who retained the property into the twentieth century.

Original yellow form: Eligibility file \_\_\_\_\_  
Copies: Inventory form X \_\_\_\_\_  
Town file(w/corresp.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Community: Eastham

**MHC OPINION: ELIGIBILITY FOR NATIONAL REGISTER**

Date Received: 10/16/95

Date Due:

Date Reviewed: 12/6/95

Type: X Individual

\_\_\_ District (Attach map indicating boundaries)

Name:

Inventory Form: EAS.98

Address: 855 Nauset Road

Requested by: Eastham Historical Commission

Action: X Honor \_\_\_ ITC \_\_\_ Grant \_\_\_ R & C \_\_\_ Other:

Agency:

Staff in charge of Review: HK

**INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES**

\_\_\_ Eligible  
\_\_\_ Eligible, also in district  
\_\_\_ Eligible only in district  
\_\_\_ Ineligible  
X More information needed

**DISTRICTS**

\_\_\_ Eligible  
\_\_\_ Ineligible  
\_\_\_ More information needed

CRITERIA: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D

LEVEL: \_\_\_ Local \_\_\_ State \_\_\_ National

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE by HK

855 Nauset Road is a full Cape constructed circa 1750 by Solomon Doane, great-grandfather of one of the original seven founders of Eastham, Deacon John Doane. The house remained in the Doane family until 1947 and was moved back from Nauset Road shortly thereafter in 1952. MHC staff require additional information and photographs relating to recent renovations, including the addition of the rear ell, in order to evaluate the eligibility potential of this property.